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NUCC Extends Recommended Deadline for Implementing 1500 Claim Form 08/05 Version I Format Issues

The National Uniform Claim Committee (NUCC) is notifying the health care industry of a recently discovered formatting issue regarding the formatting of a select number of the revised 1500 Claim Forms (version 08/05). The NUCC discovered that some of the version 08/05 forms were not scanning correctly. Upon further investigation, it was discovered that an incorrect form negative was supplied to the Government Printing Office (GPO), which in turn distributes forms to vendors and providers. Please note that the format errors occurred with a select number of forms and do not involve all version 08/05 forms.

Following the identification of the formatting issue, Medicare chose to extend its acceptance period of the version of the 1500 Claim Form beyond the original April 1, 2007 date. Medicare is targeting June 1, 2007, when all claims will be required to be reported on the revised 08/05 version of the form.

The NUCC is also extending its recommended implementation deadline for the revised 08/05 version of the 1500 Claim Form. The NUCC is now recommending that all receivers of the form, i.e., clearinghouses, payers, etc., follow Medicare's extension for accepting the current 12/90 version of the form, which is targeted as June 1, 2007. The NUCC is the maintainer of the 1500 Claim Form.

The GPO is contacting the purchasers of the incorrectly formatted negatives and forms to alert them to the issue. If you identify that you have incorrectly formatted forms, contact your vendor/supplier. If your version 08/05 forms are properly formatted and you are not aware of any issues with them scanning, you should continue to use them.

To identify if a version 08/05 form is properly formatted, look at the upper right hand corner of the form. On properly formatted claim forms, there will be approximately a one quarter (1/4) inch gap between the tip of the red arrow and the vertically stacked word "CARRIER" and the top edge of the paper. If the tip of the red arrow is touching the top edge of the paper, then the form is not printed to correct specifications. The NUCC has posted on its website, www.nucc.org, a correct format of the form for comparison and verification of the correct format.

It should be noted that the implementation of the 08/05 version of the 1500 Claim Form is not the same as the implementation of the NPI. There is no federal regulatory requirement for the NPI to be reported on the 1500 Claim Form. Medicare, as a payer, has made the business decision to require the NPI be reported on the 08/05 version of the form. Other payers have made this same decision. Some states have also enacted laws requiring the reporting of the NPI on the 08/05 version of the form.

For more information on the 1500 Claim Form, visit the NUCC website at www.nucc.org or contact the NUCC Chair, at nancy.spector@ama-assn.org.

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